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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

Princess Louise will open the new Technical Museum in Hanley in May or June.

The young Chinese Emperor has insisted upon the closing of gambling establishments in Peking.

Dr. Adler, the Chief Rabbi, left a personal estate worth £5,750.

A prisoner in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, it has been discovered, is personating a wealthy whisky dealer whose term of imprisonment he is serving for a big reward.

In South Carolina last week two superstitious coloured persons, becoming frightened by the darkness which preceded a storm, sank to the ground and expired almost instantly.

There are at the present time 350 clubs in England affiliated to the Working Men's Club and Institute Union. Of these 160 are included in the metropolitan area.

The guarantee fund for local expenses of the British Association meeting in Leeds in September now exceeds £8,000. Sir F. A. Abel is the president.

In the three years ending with 1888 the recorded theatre fires give a total of thirty-nine houses destroyed, ten houses damaged, 471 persons killed, and 115 injured, not to speak of thousands who suffer permanently in nerves from the shock.

Large numbers of refugees have arrived at Assuan suffering from famine. They state that there is a scarcity of water in the desert, and the wells are dried up. Many of them are also suffering from cholera.

The Irving Amateur Dramatic Club will give a performance at the Lyceum, in aid of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, on Saturday afternoon, the 29th inst., under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

At the Central Criminal Court, John and Emily Walton, husband and wife, were indicted for forging a mortgage deed and obtaining £800 from a gentleman named Carpenter by fraud. The prisoners were found guilty, and the man was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, and the woman to fifteen months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Her Majesty has conferred the dignity of a peerage of the United Kingdom upon Sir William Ventris Field, Q.C., who took his leave of the bench and bar in the Royal Courts of Justice the other week, on his retirement, after having been a judge of the Queen's Bench Division for fifteen years.

William P. Rice, secretary to the Music Publishers and Concert Assistants' Provident Society, pleaded guilty, at the London County Sessions, to embezzling money belonging to the society. His defalcations, it was stated, amounted to £400. He was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, the first fourteen with hard labour, and the remainder without.

The end of Thomas Harrison, of Liverpool, was a horrible one. When his body was cut from the rope which suspended him to the wall it was found that he had slashed himself terribly with a knife. His stomach was shockingly hacked, and also his left hand, and he had a fearful gash behind one ear. He had suffered from delirium tremens.

M. de Freycinet, the French War Minister, suffers intensely from cold weather. This has induced him to have a sympathy with soldiers confined in a low temperature. He has ordered all soldiers in temporary detention to be supplied with overcoats and rugs, and the captain or officer on duty is to visit them twice a day. If the weather is severe they are to be let out.

Annie Fleming, 25, was charged at Guildhall Police Court with being drunk and assaulting Police-constable Phipps, 882. She had been ten times convicted, and the alderman said he hardly knew what to do with her, but he ultimately sentenced her to two months' hard labour. The prisoner indignantly replied, "Oh, I can do that and get drunk again."

The time for depositing petitions in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons against the Central London Railway Bill having expired, it is found that no fewer than thirty-one separate petitioners will, unless previously settled with, appear in opposition to this bill, by which power is sought to construct a subway railway, over four and a half miles in length, from Baywater-road to King William-street, City.

A farmer named Norman was charged at the Wandsworth Police Court with obtaining money by false pretences. It was alleged that in one case he engaged a gardener, from whom he borrowed two pounds on the statement that he had run short of money. In other cases he was said to have paid for goods with worthless cheques for amounts beyond the value of his purchases, he receiving cash in change. He was remanded.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, 1889, when there was a balance of £5,592,002, to March 1st, 1890, were £50,425,435, against £47,892,178 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £7,647,072. The net expenditure was £75,924,584, against £76,402,250 in the same date in the previous year. The Treasury balances on March 1st, 1890, amounted to £8,795,749, and at the same date in 1889 to £6,748,577.

A meeting of proprietors of music halls and of the artists employed at them has been held, under the presidency of Mr. Charles Coburn, at the Middlesex Music Hall, to discuss the bill of the County Council. A resolution was adopted protesting against the vexatious and unnecessary legislation which the council are promoting. A committee was also appointed to take such steps as may be thought desirable in the interests of the professional people concerned.

A woman named Coyle, who objected to the company her husband was keeping in a public-house in Westminster, went to the room where he was to get him away. A young man named Sanger, who was one of the party, attacked her with a table-knife, and inflicted a severe wound upon her forehead. Sanger was brought before the magistrate at Westminster Police Court and committed for trial.

A middle-aged man, named Peyton, who represented himself to be a newspaper reporter, was charged at the Marylebone Police Court with endeavouring to obtain money by menace. He had been to two tradesmen in Paddington, and demanded money for keeping out of some newspapers in which he was interested the record of convictions under the Weights and Measures Act. The defendant, who denied that there was any criminal intent in what he had done, was remanded.

Three brothers, named Gambling, and a young man, named Patmore, all of whom live in Stepney, were charged at the Dalston Police Court with displacing pillar caps from gate piers as they went home between one and two o'clock in the morning. Damage to the extent of £3 had been done at five houses. Two constables followed the prisoners as they left the Prince of Wales public-house, and said they saw them commit the damage. The case was adjourned.

A thirteen-year-old girl is in custody at Paisley under singular circumstances. In March last, while residing at a lodging-house at Lauriston, she ran away with a boy named McCafferty, seven years of age. No trace of her could be obtained until the other day, when McCafferty's father was in Paisley, and, seeing the girl, had her taken to the police office. She at first denied having taken away the boy, but afterwards said she had lost him two days afterwards in Edinburgh.

At Tuesday's meeting of the County Council a long discussion took place on the bill which has been introduced into Parliament to confer powers on the council over theatres, music halls, and other places of entertainment. Strong opinions were expressed that the council were proposing to go further than was necessary in the matter, and Mr. Lawson intimated that he would oppose the bill in Parliament. Mr. Boulton

remarking that there was not the slightest chance of the measure passing this session.

The telephone is used very extensively in Belgium. There is now a question of the purchase of all the telephone lines by the State.

Mr. A. Lincoln, son of the American Minister in London, has succumbed to his long and painful illness.

Sir James Taylor Ingham, chief police magistrate of the metropolis, died at his residence, Gloucester-square, Hyde Park, on Wednesday, in the 86th year of his age.

At the Spring Horse Show, at the Agricultural Hall, the hackney and poney stallions, 159 in number, were judged, the Prince of Wales being among the prize-winners.

The death is announced of Dr. Henrici, surgeon-general of the Fifth German Army Corps, one of whose legs had to be amputated some time ago for thrombosis, consequent on influenza.

The New York plasterers have made an agreement, to begin on May 1st, that eight hours shall be a day's work, at 50c. per hour, or 40c. per day. The agreement is to last for two years.

Several arrests of Nihilists have been effected in the neighbourhood of the Anitchkoff Palace, where the Czar and the Imperial family are at present residing.

King Oscar of Sweden will probably be visited by the German Emperor early in the summer. The meeting is arranged to take place during a yachting cruise.

The Chief Justice of Ireland, at Carlow, congratulated the grand jury on the very satisfactory condition of the county. He might say almost its absolute immunity from crime. The criminal calendar was practically a blank.

There are said to be only about one hundred native-born American sailors in the United States Navy. All the rest are Chinamen, negroes, Portuguese, "Greasers," Canucks, Greeks, Malays, and Patagonians.

Mr. Fernando Yznaga, brother of Lady Mandeville and Lady Lister-Kaye, has married Miss Mabel Wright, a reigning New York beauty. It is understood that they will sail for Europe on the Teutonic.

The Duchess of Albany will visit Whitechapel on the afternoon of the 25th inst. to open the Rev. Samuel A. Barnett's annual exhibition of pictures at St. Jude's picture-room in Commercial-street.

The town of Guizah is much attacked by locusts. In five days the authorities destroyed six tons of them. They still continue to arrive from the east. In ploughing, large quantities of nests of their eggs have been found in the earth.

Mr. Baumann, M.P., in reviewing the judges' report on "Parricide and Crime," said that "the Irish of that report might be 'triumphant acquittal,' but that the English of it was, or ought to be, political damnation."

The Home Secretary has promised his most careful consideration to the prayer of a petition, signed by nearly 1,000 Hackney ratepayers and property owners, requesting him to remove the new police court at Dalston to the "North London Police Court."

Admiral Woods Pacha has left Constantinople for London on private business. On taking leave of the Sultan his Majesty conferred on him the gold medal of the Order of Nishan-i-Imtiaz, in token of his regard for the only British naval officer in the Turkish service.

A fatal quarry accident happened on Wednesday in North Wales. A loaded wagon was slowly ascending, when the pin fastening the hooking link broke, and the wagon dashed to the bottom. Two men were cut to pieces, and a third was so much injured that he shortly afterwards died.

Two serious accidents have happened at Brighton. A groom in the service of the Hon. Colonel Gough, while exercising a horse in Western-road, Hove, was thrown upon his head, and died shortly afterwards. The other case was that of a drayman, named Packham, who was thrown from his dray, both his legs being broken.

A horrible discovery has been made at Liverpool. A man named Thomas Harrison had been missed several days, and it was found he had hung himself in his house, and that before doing so he had slashed himself terribly with a knife. He had been drinking, and is believed to have mutilated himself while suffering from delirium tremens.

Two children who were playing on the top of a cliff at Auchmithie, Arbroath, slipped and rolled down a grassy slope that terminates in a steep precipice. Their escape was almost miraculous, for, although the height of the cliff, according to the ordnance survey, is 145ft., they were practically uninjured.

Judge Miller, of Queensland, has occupied the bench at Rockhampton for thirty-two successive hours, with only brief adjournments for meals. Three jurors were asleep at the close of the sitting. A local journal declares that "from midnight until two a.m. the scene was deplorable and a perfect mockery of justice."

About £16,000 has been collected in aid of the sufferers from the Llanerch colliery disaster. Among recent donations received by the Lord Mayor are the following:—Mr. R. H. Cholmondeley, £50; Mr. A. E. Jeff, Q.C., £1010s.; M. N. S., £10; customers of the London and South-Western Bank (fourth list), £15 9s. 6d.; and Hancock's School offertory, £22s.

The railway rates inquiry was continued on Wednesday, when Mr. Jeune, Q.C., addressed the court on behalf of the coal trade, whose interests, he submitted, considering their magnitude, ought to be looked at separately. He mentioned that the coals carried on the North-Western Railway were five-ninths of the total merchandise traffic.

The directors of the Midland Railway have notified that they have decided to grant 1s. per wagon advance to parcel porters and shunters, and overcoats to all porters every three years. The passenger and goods guards are agitating for payment for all Sunday work, and that six days be reckoned as a full week's work, the same as the engine-drivers.

"The John Mackrell prize" has just been founded, with a view of encouraging article clerks to acquire practical knowledge of, and capacity to advise upon, matters of business as distinguished from the mere knowledge of the principles and practice of the law. The prize will consist of a fourth part of the annual dividend on a sum of £1,000 five per cent. perpetual preference stock of the Millwall Dock Company.

At Guernsey a curious survival from the Middle Ages was put into practice the other day, when the public auction of some household goods was stopped by the eldest son of the family, who had disapproved of the course adopted. The formula uttered by the son was as follows:—"Haro! Haro! Haro! A l'aid, mon prince! On me fait tort!" The sale ceased immediately, and the matter will now be brought before the Royal Courts.

The opposition to Sir Robert Rawlinson's scheme for the disposal of London sewage is extending in Essex, and the Colchester Corporation, who hold by Royal charter certain rights over the oyster fisheries of the Colne, resolved on Wednesday to present a memorial to the London County Council on the subject. The fishermen at Brightlingsea complain that their last season's sprat fishing failed owing to the destruction of fish resulting from the discharge from barges of vast quantities of sewage.

The Lord Mayor presided on Tuesday night at the 132nd anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians, at St. James's Hall. In proposing the toast of the evening, the chairman said that the society had a twofold purpose—to aid the provident and the improvident. It afforded an incentive for those who were provident by enabling them to provide for old age, for like all men, musicians were but mortal, and subject to

transition from the minor to the major and better world.

The Queen returned to Windsor from Buckingham Palace on Thursday evening.

While Emin Pacha is at Zanzibar he is the guest of the Sultan.

The cycle depot of Messrs. Robertson and Co., of Grafton-street, Dublin, has been destroyed by fire.

Mr. William Salmon, M.D., of Penlyne Court, is the oldest Freemason to Great Britain. He celebrated this month his 100th birthday.

Bristol is in the throes of influenza torment. There are upwards of 15,000 cases in the city and district. Several fatal cases have occurred.

Mr. Balfour, who has been confined to the house for the last five days, has so far recovered from the effects of his cold that he was able on Wednesday afternoon to attend the Irish Office to transact business.

Whilst the assistants of M. Hayem, merchant, of the Rue du Sentier, Paris, were at breakfast, dexterous thieves broke open the door of the office, forced the iron safe, and carried off between ten and twelve thousand francs without being noticed.

Mr. Parnell has to pay £538 to the Times as the taxed expenses incurred by the paper in defending the unsuccessful action brought against it in the Scotch courts. The Times wanted £1,115; but the auditor refused to pass £675.

Lord Brassey presided at a meeting in the Merchant's Hall at which an influential committee was appointed to take steps to secure playing fields in the neighbourhood of London for cricket, lawn tennis, and other games.

At the Kingston-on-Thames Licensing Sessions on Thursday, the magistrates granted a license to the Hurst Park Club for a hotel to be erected in the grounds. The estimated cost is £4,800, apart from stabling. The hotel will be available for the public.

The dispute in the South of Ireland between the bacon trade has practically ended, the Waterford pork butchers having decided to resume work on the 1st inst. It is believed that the Limerick and Cork pork butchers will follow the example of the Waterford men.

A serious riot is reported from Johannesburg. President Kruger arrived there, and attempted in vain to address a political meeting. An indignation meeting was afterwards held, which indulged in violent demonstrations against the Transvaal.

The governors of the London Hospital met on Wednesday and unanimously approved of the action of the house committee, who had accepted the tender of Messrs. Perry and Co. for £15,000 for the necessary extension of the building, which is already the largest in the metropolis.

Mr. Eiffel, designer of the famous tower at Paris, and the leading officials and engineers of French railway companies, were entertained at a banquet at the Grand Hotel, on Wednesday evening, by the directors of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company.

The Carlyle Society has decided not to admit women to its meetings as members, though any member may, on his own responsibility, introduce a lady friend, provided she does not object to the tobacco smoke offered up as incense to the portrait of Carlyle round which the members meet.

The meeting on Wednesday of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society concluded the first half-century since the grant of the society's charter. In commemoration of that event, the fifty survivors of the original subscribers were elected foundation life governors. It was resolved to hold the meeting for 1891 at Doncaster.

George Henry Evans, 40, described as a labourer, living in Whittington-road, Peckham, was charged at the Lambeth Police Court, on Thursday, with violently assaulting his wife by striking her on the head with a "life preserver." The defendant had previously treated complainant with uniform kindness, and he was remanded that his state of mind might be ascertained.

The past month's eighteen certificates of naturalization were granted to aliens by the Home Secretary under the provisions of the Naturalization Act, 1870. Of these aliens seven are described as coming from Germany, three from Russia, two each from Austria and Switzerland, and one each from Austria-Hungary, Bavaria, Greece, and Turkey.

This singular story comes from Highland, an Illinois town.—Joseph Bartle, a farmer, 67 years of age, arrived in the town from his farm and hunted up a lawyer. He said he wanted to straighten out his affairs, as he had but a few hours to live. After he had done this he started for the hospital, for St. Joseph Hospital, and he received a fatal stroke of paralysis just before reaching the gate.

With regard to the Easter manoeuvres, the general arrangements, as they now stand, are that all the troops shall detrain at Sellin, and move forward in four columns for outpost manoeuvres; the four columns finding their billets that night respectively—the first in Hythe, the second in Shoreham, the third in Postling and Etching Hill, and the fourth in Lyding and Elham. On the Saturday the operations will be between Hawkinge and Alkham.

Who wants a portable home? The opportunity of obtaining one is given in the announcement that the East-end of London has the opportunity of having several old carriages for disposal. At once the harassed householder, overburdened with rent, rates, and taxes, can find escape from the greater woes of this Acedema of sorrow.

When the rate collector or income-tax man calls with the notice, all he has to do is to have his domicile drawn to another part of the town, where it may remain until a fresh visit compels another removal.

The assessment committee of the Stepney Urban Sanitary District met on Wednesday under the Advertising Stations Rating Act. The point raised in all the appeals was the same—namely, whether the billposter, the occupier, or the owner was liable to be rated for an advertising station. The overseers had rated the billposters, who appealed. Mr. W. H. Blanch, assessment surveyor, of 62, Lodgegate Hill, appearing on their behalf. In the end, the assessment committee agreed in holding that the billposter was not liable under the Act.

The Queen of Portugal has a mother-in-law. A short time ago a Portuguese nobleman found his daughter-in-law, who was brought up to think that manual occupations are healthy for the mind, trimming a bonnet. "When I allowed Carlos to propose for you," said her Majesty severely, "I did not intend him to marry a milliner. The heads of the house of Braganza always before him married princesses, and not tradeswomen. Your family lost a throne by their cheapening economy. Buy your bonnets, and since you must be stingy, save in some other way."

At the London Court of Bankruptcy the first meeting was held, before Sir P. Harding, of the creditors of Mr. G. Nordenfeldt, described as of Victoria Mansions and late of Parliament-street, Westminster, civil engineer. The unsecured liabilities were £31,704, and debts fully secured £20,126. The accounts showed an estimated surplus, subject to realization, of £28,223.

A scheme for vesting the property in a trustee, and providing for the payment to the creditors of 20c. in the pound, in cash or obligations, by certain instalments within six months from the date of approval by the court, was agreed to.

A great scandal has been created in North Germany owing to a youthful member of one of the principal mediaeval families having been privately married by the pastor's domestic chaplain to a wealthy, and aged Jewish, widow of a Hamburg merchant.

The reverend chaplain is said to have received £1,000 as a present for his services, and the offended prince who is the head of the bridegroom's family, has commenced proceedings at the Cologne High Court with the object of having the marriage declared invalid, as

there is an ancient ecclesiastical law in the Rhine Province which prohibits mercenary unions.

Fifty-six lives were lost during the construction of the Forth Bridge.

There were 2,500 births and 1,803 deaths in London last week.

Influenza last week carried off twenty-three victims in the metropolis.

Fifty-two deaths in London were last week caused by different forms of violence.

There were 492 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs last week in London.

It is estimated that over £10,000,000 of English money was invested in industrial enterprises in the United States last year.

Eight millions of rivets were used in constructing the Forth Bridge, and it laid end to end would reach a distance of 350 miles.

Mutton frozen game is sent out to Australia. Grouse is the most successful refrigerated, but partridges also arrive in very good condition.

The late Mr. John Fleming, solicitor, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has left legacies amounting to £100,000 to charities.

During 1888 nearly a million sterling of British and foreign colonial capital was invested in the Havana cigar and cigarette trade.

Mr. Goschen is to be nominated by the Unionists as Lord Rector of the University of Edinburgh.

The surface of Forth Bridge requiring to be kept painted is estimated to be no less than twenty acres.

Twelve little ones—infants under one year—met their deaths by suffocation—"overlying"—in London last week.

Again there was last week not a single death from small-pox in any of the twenty-eight great towns of England and Wales.

There is to be a telegraphic tournament at New York on April 10th. Prizes will be given for rapidity and accuracy of transmission. Wristlets of both sexes will compete.

There were 2,338 fires in London last year. This was an increase of 338 upon the number for 1883, and only 25 below that of 1887, which was the heaviest on record.

Mr. T. Harrington's cipher telegrams anent Sheridan and the Times created excitement in the House of Commons. The key to the cipher was discovered by Archbishop Walsh.

There were nineteen deaths from measles in London last week, fourteen from scarlet fever, twenty-four from diphtheria, ninety-seven from whooping-cough, seven from enteric fever, and twelve from diarrhoea and dysentery.

The Bishop of Dakota is organising churches on wheels. One kind, a railway car, is to be attached to Sunday trains. It will carry a minister appointed to hold services en route and at stopping places.

The war correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that Sergeant Palmer's statement as to the treachery at Tel-el-Kebir is utterly false. He says, "How the sergeant's ludicrous blunders escaped being skewered by intelligent critical judgment he cannot imagine."

One article, written in a newspaper published at Klausenburg, Transylvania, has caused a twelve-day duel. The writer of the article fought three duels, the editor of the paper four (in one of which he killed his adversary), and the sub-editor six.

Joseph Dell, who has been residing in a large house in Morland-road, Croydon, has been committed for trial by the Croydon bench on the charge of uttering to various tradesmen a number of gilded shillings for sovereigns, and also on charges of committing two burglaries.

At Marlborough-street Police Court, J. Saunders was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing a purse containing £5 which Mrs. Harrison, of Cromwell-road, Kensington, had left on a seat of her carriage on alighting to visit a shop in Bond street.

The authorities of the General Post Office have decided to start next summer a night mail parcel service between London, Reading, and Oxford, a distance of about sixty miles, and it is probable that a similar service from London to Ipswich will follow.

A New York telegram states that a fire has occurred in the quarter occupied by dry goods merchants, causing the destruction of several buildings, including the premises of Messrs. W. & C. Mayer, bacon importers, and Messrs. Eaton, umbrella manufacturers. The loss is estimated at 300,000 dollars.

An inquest has been held at Walham Green on the body of Ethel Clara Clarke, aged 10 years, daughter of Arthur Clarke, a salesman, of 525, Fulham-road. The deceased swallowed a "squeaker," with a toy bladder attached, and was suffocated. The bladder was taken out of her throat. A verdict of accidentally suffocated was returned.

The little boy with the unpronounceable name who accompanied the Shah when he was in this country is about to be married. His Majesty's Persian friend had his youngest daughter, and made a great feast at the betrothal. Nasreddin dowers the favourite with a magnificent estate near Teheran, and cures in a legal document any future ruler of Persia who may seek to take it away.

Charles Squires, described as a labourer, was, at the London County Sessions, held at Clerkenwell, sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for having stolen a box containing clothing, the property of Fanny Brown, a servant out of place. The prisoner left the prosecutor's box at a lodging-house, and subsequently he returned in her absence, and, having got possession of the box, he sold its contents to a second-hand dealer.

At the Central Criminal Court, Henry Clark, 17, an errand boy, pleaded guilty to stealing a number of postal orders and cheques, amounting in value to £25. The prisoner was a rascal boy to a firm in the City, and the offence imputed to him was that he had stolen a number of letters containing postal orders from his master's letter-box. He afterwards sold the securities contained in these letters, and £34 was found on him when taken into custody. The prisoner was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

At the Mansion House Police Court, Mr. C. W. Perryman, of 3, Queen Victoria-street, appeared to answer a summons charging him with having published a malicious libel concerning Mr. James Foster Dunning. The alleged libel referred to the complainant's connection with a Transvaal mine, and declared that he had been guilty of "shady bill transactions, and was wanted for sundry other little improprieties." The Lord Mayor who heard the summons, intimated that he would commit the defendant for trial, but adjourned the case to complete the depositions.

The landing-stage at Liverpool on Wednesday presented a scene of unwonted excitement owing to the presence of a large number of emigrants who were proceeding to America. The City of Paris had a full complement of 1,000 passengers, and the Britannia had a similar number. They cashed off specimens of almost all European nations, and the stage was packed for several hours with impediments of all sorts. It was with the utmost difficulty that a passage could be preserved for the Isle of Man and other steamers. Many of the emigrants are of the skilled mechanic class, who are leaving for America at the beginning of the spring season, expecting to find abundant employment.

Baron Amptuhl, who has taken his seat in the House of Lords, succeeded to the title on the death of his father, the first baron, in 1884, but only attained his majority on the 19th ult. There are at present thirteen peers who are minors, and who will come of age as follows:—The Earl of Shaftesbury, September, 1890; Lord Delamere, 1891; the Marquis of Downshire and Lord Lovat, 1892; the Marquis Camden, 1893; the Earl of Cottenham and the Earl of Granard, 1894; the Earl of Shaftesbury, 1895; the Earl of Guilford, 1897; the Earl of Dalhousie and Lord O'Hagan, 1899;

the Duke of Albany, 1905; and Viscount Torrington, 1907.

A bankrupt attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself outside the Paris Morgue on Wednesday night outside the Paris Morgue on Wednesday night.

Earl Cadogan has entertained a party of Unionist members of both Houses of Parliament at dinner at Chelsea House.

An Australian paper states that a hailstone recently picked up at Brisbane measured 8½ in. by 10½ in., and weighed nearly 5 lb.

One of the features of the Queen's drawing-room was a large picture of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, which was placed in a prominent position, and is now to be hung conspicuously in the galleries of Buckingham Palace.

The Dublin Express announces that the Lord-lieutenant of Ireland is about to confer a knighthood on Dr. Nugent, on his retirement from the Commission of the control of Irish Lunatic Asylums.

The capture of stray dogs in London by the police still continues at an extraordinary rate, although only a little over two months have expired out of the new year, nearly 7,000 dogs have already been conveyed to the home at Battersea.

A severe gale from N.W.W. was experienced in the Irish Channel by the steamer (tramp) on Thursday. She was tossed by beam seas that she had to put into Whiting Bay, Arran. She then tried to make for Greenock to ship horses and cattle, but put back to shelter off Arran. Finally she reached Ardaraon four hours late.

The Paris Soleil states that a commercial house in Marseilles has received a telegram announcing that a fight occurred a day or two ago between the French soldiers and natives in Dahomey. The fight, which was a very severe one, resulted in eight French soldiers being killed and numbers wounded. The native loss was over 300 killed and wounded.

At Liverpool on Thursday, Joseph Conner, a reporter, summoned Alderman Livingstone, the ex-mayor, for assault, alleging that the alderman had hit him while he was on business in the town Hall and ordered him to leave. The alderman denied the assault, and the magistrate, dismissed the case.

An inquest was held on Wednesday as to the death of Captain H. W. Boyce, a gentleman, who was fatally injured through falling off a mare at Sandown Park races on the 25th ult. Evidence having been given, the coroner observed that it was very difficult to ascertain whether the captain was kicked by a horse. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. Alpheus Cleophas Morton, M.P., has found a task worth of his well-known energy for small affairs. He has "tackled" the Clapham Library commissioners for allowing "Mothers and Labourers" to be in the Clapham Library. He is horrified to find pious Claphams should possess books which are excluded from the Guildhall Library.

Dr. Macdonald held an inquiry at the Bethnal Green Vestry Hall respecting the death of Blanche Anne Grounds, aged 39 years, the wife of a naturalist, of 83, Cambridge-road, who had found her lying dead on returning home. The verdict was according to the medical evidence, which was to the effect that death was due to apoplexy, but accelerated by intemperate habits.

A curious case of gas poisoning was investigated by the Worcester coroner on Thursday. An infant 11 weeks old was asleep with its nurse in a room where the chandelier was used for heating food. The chandelier was pulled down, and the gas escaped so that the infant was suffocated, and the nurse was only restored with considerable difficulty. A verdict of accidental suffocation was returned by the jury.

Daniel Hayes, 26, labourer, was charged at the Guildhall, on Thursday, with assaulting Police-constables Jones (281) and Meering (359). He went to the City of London Union office, with two other roughs, asking for orders for the union, and as he was threatening and abusive the relieving officer sent for the police. On the constables coming to remove him he attacked them violently. Ald

By LARRY LYNX.

The word "available" seems to have been regarded by Messrs. Weatherbys from a very elastic point of view, and no little confusion in the betting market has transpired in consequence. The announcement that Why Not's registration was effected before January 7th will relieve the minds of backers of that horse, but Prince Frederick was not registered until January 7th. Dictator and Gamecock's registration was not lodged until December 31st, and Rokefort's partnership with him was not received at Burlington street until February 3rd. This is a bad look-out for those who have backed Rokefort or Gamecock. Those who have supported Modèle and The Baron for the Lincolnshire Handicap, and the latter for the City and Suburban, are all right, for both those horses were registered before January 1st, but Oddfellows should be knocked out of the City and Suburban and Junior Hurdle, as his registration was not lodged until February 3rd; and Sainfoin, entered in the Jubilee Stakes, was not registered on January 30th. Another waster is L'Abbesse Jouarre for the Lincolnshire Handicap, for she was not registered before January 9th, two days after the entries closed.

rowing in the long line. Between Barnes, Oarsmanship, and Putney, Gardiner rowed the short. Muttibury screwed a and her, body swing was bad. All allowed her, must be made for a crew's acquaintance on the tideway, even in smooth water, and, under the circumstances, capital criticism is not worth digesting. On Wednesday in rough water, they rowed the full complement on the flood in 20min. 20sec., and the following all round showed decided improvement. In the short glimpse I had of them on Wednesday, I make them out to be a rough crew, with enough good material in the team to develop into a really good eight. Although new to the tideway, the men in the boat are fairly tried oarsmen.

The Scotch take their defeats badly, and are little given to award praise to those who beat them, while forceful of the memories of the past, they churlishly chide those who have left bygone years down splendid service. Thus, it pains all good sportsmen to find his own compatriot trying to make a scapegoat of the Ayrshire Maclagan. He is, perhaps, too slow for an International player, but he was generally there when wanted, and surely his past services for Scotland should have ensured for him freedom from the captious criticism of his own countrymen. In combination, individual play, speed, and dash, I am told the Englishmen were fully five yards faster in the length of the field than their adversaries. England has now won seven matches, Scotland three, and the remaining seven have been drawn.

The Football League and its constituent elements on their own account are actively engaged in considering the programme for next year. The clubs are looking round for the means of strengthening their teams, and the league as a whole, is discussing the project of putting up a cup for next year's competition and awarding it to the members of the winning team.

The chairman observed that no one could recommend a man who could not keep honest on 11 week.

JOHN E. HART,
TURF COMMISSION AGENT.

In reply to "China," who asks for "a Chinese cement that will stand a good amount of heat," I am glad to answer that I have no doubt that the following recipes and recipes to be told what professional Chinese masons recommend. I can only say that professionals use a great variety of cements and various combinations, and of these I can only give one at present. Take some well calcined oyster shells, pour them up and pass them through a mill, then grind them down to a smooth flat stone with a muller until you reduce them to the very finest powder, and form this into a paste with white of egg; apply the paste to the edges of either glass or china, and keep them pressed together for half an hour or more. If you wish to make more translucent joints, and if it is well done nothing will separate the joints. It will stand both heat and water.

I am asked by two correspondents how to prepare the proper sort of whitewash to apply to birds breeding and other cages. To keep the cages pure and free from insects it is necessary, as "Jas. P." suggests, to "prime the cracks and crevices with corrosive sublimate although it is sometimes done. What is recommended is to be thorough in the cleaning out

"Corá" wishes to make a fig pudding: "One pound of grated bread crumbs, one pound of flour, one pound and a half of the best figs, a pound of beef suet, lard as needed. Cut the figs into small pieces, removing the hard light stems. Most people think the figs sufficient as sweet, but some add an ounce or two of sugar. Mix the figs, suet, and bread crumbs together first, and the sugar, if you use any; then add the flour; after which the thoroughly beaten eggs, and milk sufficient to form the mass into a stiff paste. Butter a basin, and then press the pudding into it; the pudding should be covered with floured cloth, and it will boil for three hours. Turn out on a platter, either with sauce or butter."

"G. W. T." wishes to clean and brighten some old oak furniture. He writes:—"It has been polished or varnished, and the dust seems to be lodged in the carvings and pores of the wood. I should wish," he says, "if possible, to remove the furniture without injury to the face or work." I think you could not do better than use warm beer and flannel, assisted by a soft brush and nail-brushes to bring out the grain.

The following is a good recipe for potato cakes which "Constant Reader" wife wishes to share. Two ounces good beef dripping and two ounces lard are to be rubbed into one pound of flour, a teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt and one pound of boiled potatoes, the potatoes put into dry flour, or pass the flour one of the American potato squeezers, and then get at any ironmonger. Mix the ingredients thoroughly, and stir them with the wooden beaten up egg and as much warm milk as will make a smooth, light batter. Roll this out to the thickness of an inch or a half, and cut it into squares or rounds according to fancy. Lay these on a buttered tin and bake them in a moderate oven; when only slightly baked turn the cakes over on to the other side; they ought to be fully baked in about ten minutes; then as soon as they are taken out of the oven cut them open and butter them, and

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT TO THE SCOTCH EXPRESS.

A Policeman's Statement.

Polic constable Baker, of the Carlisle city police, who was attracted to the scene by the crash of the collision, assisted in rescuing the injured passengers. He said: "While walking down the platform I met some porters carrying gentlemen who complained of pain in the back of their necks. One of them told me they had picked up the injured man in it. I then ran to the place where the accident happened, and on inquiry was told there were lots injured. I set to work with Police-constable Hare, and helped to extract the unfortunate passengers. One of them, whose name ascertained came from Chipping Norton, was injured very awkwardly. Both his legs were bleeding, and he begged me to help him. In order to see where the people lay, I took out my pocket watch and saw that we had to use our eyes. Four sailors in the train, being unannured, worked hard for the rescue of the others, springing to the top of the carriage when necessary to shift some of the woodwork with remarkable agility. I myself rescued Lawson. He had been in a smoking compartment while his niece, who was killed, was in a ladies' compartment. I afterwards led him down the stairs, where his niece was, and he identified her body. We had to get a rope to pull her out of the side of the carriage before we could get at some of the passengers, who had mostly been lying on the seats covered with cushions. The crash had caused the seats to come close together, and some of the injured had their legs fixed in between. It was seven o'clock before we had finished our work."

Scene in Court.

£100 RACING PRIZE.—"SPORTING LUCK" starts March 2. One Penny each Friday, and will give £100 each week to nearest guess to five winners. Overnight selections by a well known jockey.—(Adv.)

A fire occurred on Thursday at the stuff warehouse of Messrs. Aspinall and Company, Russell-street, Leeds, doing damage which is estimated at 0,000.

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A STEAMER SUNK IN THE THAMES.

Loss of a 10-Ton Gun.—The steamer Nautilus, belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, whilst loading for the Mediterranean, when the river was at high tide, had on board a general cargo, and also a 10-ton gun, the property of the Government. The gun was brought from Armstrong, of Elswick, to a works at Newcastle, and was to have been taken on board the Mediterranean port. The cause of the sinking of the Nautilus, which is an old vessel, has not yet been definitely ascertained. It is stated, on the one hand, that some of the plates properly secured by bolts, and which may have been over, circumstances would have been at once noticed by the watchman on deck. The vessel, in reality, settled down gradually, and the watchman, assisted by the river police, was able to save a considerable quantity of the cargo perfectly upright, it is supposed by many that the accident arose through one of the valves being left open, thereby letting in water.

THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT A PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE

LIAMINARY CANDIDATE.—A Hanley correspondent telegraphs that Sir John Lubbock, the "Lib" candidate for the Tichborne Claimant, will be dropping out of the contest during the past few weeks. He has announced that he will come forward as an independent candidate for the representation of the Tichborne district, and will at once commence his canvass. He will endeavour to obtain the support of the "Lib" members of the House of Commons, and will promise if elected to vote against the Home Rule Bill. He has been advised by his counsel in the famous trial to contest Stoke as an independent candidate, and to leave the "Lib" party to fight the election of 1890. The claimant comes forward as "Sir John Lubbock," but his candidature is not regarded in the district as serious or as anything more than an attempt to gain temporary notoriety.

"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

The terrible accident at Carlisle, coupled with the declaration of a disappointing dividend by the Caledonian Railway, produced a gloomy feeling in the City. Change, which has not altogether subsided, is there, too, a growing sense of uneasiness in connection with the financial condition of the Argentine Republic. While the market is paralysed by that wonderful country continuing to increase by leaps and bounds, it is threatened with a monetary crisis of an absolutely overwhelming character. The paper currency looks as if it will shortly become nearly worthless, while all the time the Government can lay hands on good money to satisfy the requirements of its foreign loans. The simple truth of the matter is that the Republic has been trying to run before it could walk, and an experiment which always results in a crash. Another cause of alarm is the change in the disposition of the South African gold mining market, some of the companies are making fair profit, but it is to be feared that fully three-quarters must be set down as purely bogus concerns. The correspondent has just written to me asking whether the recent fall in these prodigious inflated securities does not present an eligible opportunity for buying cheap. Some look at it enough, no doubt, at present quotations, but in reality they would be dear at any time. From first to last, I have endeavored to dissuade my readers from taking part in this South African gamble, and I am still as steadfast in that opinion. More than that, I do not entertain a favorable opinion of mining speculations, whether English or foreign. For one prize the operator of a ninety-nine blanks, and very often the blank comes first. Turning to English rails, there is a change of importance to comment on. The fluctuating round certain fixed points, and the speculator is on the spot, to take advantage of these oscillations, he has to study the market making constant use of the time, however, the market is consolidating itself, and I confidently look for better prices later on. For the moment the only safe plan of campaign is to buy on the fall and to be content with small profits. American rails look a bit more wholesome, owing to a slight revival of confidence on this side of the Atlantic. But Wall-street does not seem to have quite finished its little game, and I cannot, therefore, advise operations in Yanks just yet. Indeed, both at home and abroad the situation is so made as to inspire no confidence in the market, and the very reckless. For the moment, the money market is by no means so healthy as might be desired. The growing demand for trade are beginning to tell on the available supply, and I see no likelihood of the rate of discount being put down any further. But a much more serious cause for alarm is the imminence of a gigantic strike in the coal trade, which will paralyse our manufactures and cause the country to shrivel away to a mere skeleton.

MONEY MARKET.

CITY, Saturday.
Little business was done on the Stock Exchange to-day. The Funds were steady. Foreign Government Securities were favourably inclined. Canadian Railways continued dull. Canadian Bank continued firm, but quiet. Canadian Lumber good in tone. Foreign Railways were quite the same—as may be said of Mining Shares. Quotations—Consols, 97 1/2; ditto account, 97 1/2; Two-and-a-Half per Cents, 94 1/2.

Argentine, 1886, 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ 94 $\frac{1}{2}$	Peruvian 6 per Cents,
Chilian, 1886, 104 3	Ditto 5 per Cents, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$

Egyptian preference, 104, 5
 Ditto United, 99, 5
 Ditto French, 100, 5
 Ditto Dominion, 105, 5
 French 3 per Cent, 57, 5
 Hamburg 4 per Cent, 161, 5
 Italian 5 per Cent, 91, 5
 Mexican 5 p. C. 1860, 95, 5
 Paraguay Bonds, 105, 4, 35

BRITISH RAILWAYS.
 Brighton London, 104, 5
 Ditto Defr'd., 155, 5
 Caledonian, 124, 5
 Great Northern, 130, 5
 Great Eastern, 123, 5
 Great North, 124, 5
 East Lon. Consolidated, 107, 5
 Great Western, 125, 5
 Great North, 124, 5
 Ditto A. 103, 4
 Great Western, 125, 5
 Ditto A. 103, 4
 Lanc. & Yorkshire, 121, 5
 Lanc. & Yorksh. 37, 5, 22

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.
 Chicago, 111, 5
 Erie, 101, 5
 Erie & St. Paul, 69, 5
 Erie & N. Y., 101, 5
 Erie, 20, 5
 Illinois Central, 117, 5
 Illinois & Mich., 117, 5
 Lake Shore, 107, 5
 Michigan & Ont., 117, 5
 Missouri & Texas, 105, 11
 New York & N. E., 105, 11

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS.
 Canadian Pacific, 74, 5
 Grand Trunk Ord., 10, 5
 Ditto 1st Pref., 72, 5
 Ditto 2nd Pref., 69, 5

Cape Copper, 38, 5
 De Beers, 103, 5
 Jubilee, 4, 5
 Juwana, 7, 5
 Mason and Barry, 69, 5

MISCELLANEOUS.
 Alloppo, Oriental, 65, 7
 Bryant's Brewery, 4, 5
 Harant & May, 136, 5
 Lactic Acid, 247, 5
 Guinness Oriental, 94, 5

Portuguese 3 per Cent Russian, 4 per Cent Spanish, 100, 5
 Ditto 4 per Cent, 103, 5
 Turkish Defence, 100, 5
 Ditto, 101, 5
 Uruguay, 73, 5
 Venezuela, 81, 5

BRITISH RAILWAYS.
 Brighton London, 104, 5
 Ditto Defr'd., 155, 5
 Ditto District, 25, 5
 Midland, 142, 5
 North British, 151, 5
 North-Central, 104, 5
 North Staffordshire, 104, 5
 North York, 104, 5
 Sheffield Ordinary, 95, 5
 Ditto, Defr'd., 66, 5
 Ditto, Defr'd., 66, 5
 Ditto, Defr'd., 102, 5
 South-Western, 154, 5

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.
 Norfolk & West. Pref. 10, 5
 North Pacific Pref. 10, 5
 Erie & N. Y. Pref. 10, 5
 Ontario, 10, 5
 Pennsylvania, 55, 5
 Erie & N. Y. Pref. 10, 5
 Union Pacific, 55, 5
 Wabash Common, 15, 5

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS.
 Canadian Pacific, 74, 5
 Grand Trunk Ord., 10, 5
 Ditto 1st Pref., 72, 5
 Ditto 2nd Pref., 69, 5

MINES.
 Canadian, 15, 5
 De Beers, 103, 5
 Rinto, 159, 5
 Salisbury, 59, 5
 Sprat's Patent, 10, 5

MISCELLANEOUS.
 Hotchicks, 65, 7
 New Explosives, 5, 5
 Sprat's Patent, 10, 5

Baron Downe at Limerick on Friday
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 of the city. There was an almost total disappearance

boycotting and intimidation.

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